

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2406 – HB 2258

March 25, 2014

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Establishes that it is a criminal offense for anyone to exercise control over an animal facility by depriving the owner of control of the property *or* by disrupting the operations of the facility. Under current law, such an offense occurs if the owner is deprived of control of the property *and* the operations of the facility are disrupted. Defines the term “disrupt” to mean an action by any means or contrivance that interferes with operations of an animal facility.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014943): Redefines the term “disrupt” to mean materially interfering with the operations of an animal facility in a manner that permanently or temporarily halts, compromises, delays, harms or impairs the activities of the facility.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- Changing the definition of “disrupt” will not result in any significant change in the number of prosecutions for the state or local governments.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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